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1. WAS FINALLY RECEIVED BY BENHABYLES JULY 18. TOLD HIM THAT I HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE DEMARCHE URGING ALGERIA NOT TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE RAISED AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. SINCE THEN MINISTERS HAD MET AND PRESS REPORTED THEY HAD SUBSCRIBED TO RESOLUTION CONSIDERABLY STRONGER THAN OUR WORST FEARS. I HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS BUT WAS CERTAIN THAT WITHIN COMING DAYS I WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ANOTHER DEMARCHE EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN AT THIS UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT.

2. IN BRIEF, I SAID, WE CONSIDERED ATTEMPT TO EXPEL ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER MEMBER FROM UN CONTRARY TO CHARTER. FURTHERMORE SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO DO SO WOULD JEOPARDIZE EFFORTS WE WERE MAKING FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM. THOSE EFFORTS WERE APPARENTLY REACHING SUCCESSFUL STAGE AND INTRUSION OF THIS RESOLUTION AT THIS POINT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE. THERE WAS NOT ONLY DANGER ISRAEL WOULD
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USE IT AS JUSTIFICATION FOR IGNORING CURRENT RESOLUTIONS,

I WOULD ALSO HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THEIR WILLINGNESS TO REACH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH AN ARAB STATES. RESOLUTION HAD BEEN PASSED, AND WE ASSUMED ALGERIANS HAD VOTED FOR IT. PROBLEM NOW WAS TO REPAIR DAMAGE, AND WE HOPED THAT THIS MATTER WOULD NOT BE PUSHED SERIOUSLY AT FORTHCOMING UNGA.

3. BENHABYLES REPLIED THAT HE NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF WHAT HAD GONE ON AT JIDDA. HE NOTED THAT ALGERIA HAD BEEN REPRESENTED BY MINISTER TOURISM (ABDELAZIZ MAOUI) AND THAT THIS WAS NOT A CONFERENCE OF A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE OAU WHICH COULD PASS BINDING RESOLUTIONS. RATHER IT HAD THE CHARACTER OF A SEMINAR. HE AGREED THAT IT WAS CONTRARY TO THE UN CHARTER TO EXPEL A MEMBER. ALGERIA HAD LONG MAINTAINED PRINCIPLE THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN SHOULD BE UNIVERSAL. ALGERIA WOULD HOWEVER SUPPORT PROPOSITION THAT ISRAEL BE SUSPENDED FROM MEMBERSHIP UNTIL IT OBSERVED PERTINENT UN RESOLUTIONS.

4. BENHABYLES SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERN THAT SUCH ACTION MIGHT HAMPER OUR PEACE EFFORTS. HE NOTED HOWEVER THAT RESOLUTION WAS SUBSCRIBED TO NOT ONLY BY ARABS BUT BY NUMBER OF ISLAMIC STATES WHICH HAD BEEN AMBIVALENT WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL. RESOLUTION WAS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN EXTENDING FAR BEYOND ARAB WORLD AT ISRAELI REFUSAL HONOR VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS. WE SHOULD POINT OUT TO ISRAELIS REALITIES OF THE SITUATION AND CONVINCE THEM TO DRAW THE PROPER CONCLUSIONS.

5. I SAID OUR ARAB FRIENDS DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS FOR US TO GET THE ISRAELIS TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSION AT ALL FROM ANYTHING. ISRAELIS HAD THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE AND THEIR OWN EXPERTS AND THEY MADE UP THEIR OWN MINDS. IN THIS CASE I FEARED THEIR REACTION WOULD BE ONE OF DIGGING IN THEIR HEELS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSUME WE WILL ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BE GETTING GUIDANCE ON FURTHER APPROACHES THIS SUBJECT. CONFIDENTIAL

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(STATE 169463 JUST RECEIVED) WOULD BE VERY USEFUL HAVE TEXT IN FRENCH OF AIDE-MEMOIRE WE COULD PRESENT TO ALGERIANS. WHILE ALGERIANS MUCH MORE IMPRESSED BY OBJECTIVE FACTS THAN BY LOGICAL ARGUMENTS, BENHABYLES REMARKS INDICATE SUSCEPTIBILITY TO CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENT. BELIEVE THIS POINT LIKELY TO HAVE MORE IMPACT LOCALLY THAN ARGUMENTS OF PRAGMATIC

NATURE REGARDING OUR PEACE EFFORTS, IN WHICH ALGERIANS
DO NOT HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF FAITH IN ANY EVENT.
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